GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:395
ANSWERED ON:20.11.2002
PORT CONNECTIVITY
P.C. THOMAS

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any project for Roads aimed at Port Connectivity;

(b) whether there is any scheme to connect Karnataka State with Kasargode in Kerala;

(c) whether the Kerala Government has submitted a project to connect Cochin port with Mangalore port and thereby Mumbai, if so, the action taken in this regard; and

(d) whether the Government have any scheme to connect Cochin with Chennai port with roads of International standards, the details of the work done, if any in this regard, the amount earmarked or allocated or estimated, the period of implementation etc.?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (R
B.C.KHANDURI)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Kasargode in Kerala is already connected to Karnataka State through National Highway-17 having two-lane carriageway. Consultancy assignment awarded for development of road connectivity to New Mangalore Port in Karnataka included the section of National Highway-17 from Mangalore to Kasargode.However, keeping in view the intensity of port bound traffic this section of National Highway is not proposed to be developed to four-lane standards in near future.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The programme for development of road connectivity to major ports does not envisage connectivity from one port to another port. There is no scheme to connect Cochin Port to Chennai Port with roads of international standards.